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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 046363

FOR ASST. SECY. NEWSOM

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO USUN NEW YORK LISBON ASMARA
AND DAR ES SALAAM BY POUCH DATED MARCH 13 FROM ADDIS ABABA.

QUOTE ADDIS ABABA 2977

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PDEV, PO, OAU, UN

SUBJECT: TALKS BETWEEN AFRICANS AND PORTUGUESE

FOR NEWSOM FROM ADAIR

1. ON EVE OF YOUR DEPARTURE FOR LISBON, MAY I AGAIN URGE THE
DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW WHAT I TAKE TO BE OUR CURRENT POSITION ON
THE SUBJECT OF PORTUGUESE- AFRICAN TALKS, NAMELY THAT WE BELIEVE
TALKS ARE DESIRABLE BUT IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES SEE NO POSSI-
BILITY FOR USEFUL OR EFFECTIVE ACTION BY USG (STATE 25917).

2. TO REVIEW THE BIDDING, AS SEEN FROM ADDIS, (A) THE PORTUGUESE
OFFER TO TALK WITH OAU OR AF' S IS STILL ON THE TABLE (LISBON
672); (B) THE OAU IS STILL HOPING FOR PROGRESS THROUGH TALKS
RATHER THAN MILITARY ACTION (ADDIS 1856); AND (C) UNSYG WALDHEIM
IS STILL AVAILABLE (PARA 5, USUN 71). HOWEVER, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE,
NO CONTACTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.

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3. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED AND THE FACT THAT TALKS INVOLVING THE " RECOGNITION" OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE PRECLUDED, BY THE PORTUGUESE, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE CONDITIONS FOR DIALOGUE BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE OAU, PERHAPS WITH HELP FROM WALDHEIM, ARE STILL IN PLACE. WE WOULD SEEM TO HAVE SOMETHING TO GAIN AND LITTLE TO LOSE BY URGING ALL PARTIES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THIS ALTERNATIVE. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR UPCOMING MEETING WITH CAETANO MIGHT HELP TO GET THE BALL ROLLING AGAIN. WE IN ADDIS, OF COURSE, STAND READY TO DO WHAT WE CAN VIS- A- VIS THE OAU. NOTEWORTHY, IN THIS CONNECTION THAT ACTING OAU A/ SECGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF AND PATTISON (AF/ RA) MARCH 13 THAT OAU REMAINS INTERESTED IN SUCH EXCHANGES. ADAIR UNQUOTE ROGERS

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